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SUBJECT: KOREA'S COPYRIGHT LAW AMENDMENT BILL

1. ON JUNE 27, 1977, ASST. COMMATT VISITED THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION (MCUI) TO DISCUSS THE COPYRIGHT LAW AMENDMENT REPORTEDLY BEING DRAFTED BY THE MINISTRY.

2. THE NEED FOR THE REVISION OF THE EXISTING LAW HAS BEEN STRONG SINCE THE LAW, WRITTEN ON THE BASIS OF THE 1957 BERNE TREATY AND THE OLD JAPANESE COPYRIGHT LAW, IS NO LONGER APPLICABLE TO PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THE DISCUSSION IS NOW CONCERNED WITH HOW TO COPY WITH UNAUTHORIZED REPRODUCTION, PUBLICATION, BROADCASTING, PLAGIARISM, AND UNAUTHORIZED USE OF NAMES. ALTHOUGH THE DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT HAS FAILED TO REACH ANY CONCLUSION REGARDING KOREA'S JOINING THE UNIVERSAL COPYRIGHT CONVENTION (UCC), THE ROK GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO GRANT FOREIGN PUBLISHERS, WHO HAVE LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS WITH KOREAN PUBLISHERS, PROTECTION IF THE ROKG GIVEN REPRINT RIGHTS TO LOCAL FIRMS. THIS WOULD BE A FIRST STEP TOWARD JOINING THE UCC, ACCORDING TO RMR. HWANG HYUN TAK, MCUI OFFICIAL.

3. THE DRAFT PROPOSAL CONSIDERS ESTABLISHING A NEW SYSTEM WHEREBY THOSE INTENDING TO PUBLISH THE WORKS BY FOREIGNERS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THE KOREAN MARKET WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE AUTHORITIES AND THE COMPETITIVE MARKET COULD BE CONTROLLED. UNDER THE SYSTEM, LOCAL PUBLISHERS WOULD BE ACCORDED EXCLUSIVE PUBLICATION RIGHTS IN KOREA AFTER REGISTRATION.

4. POST WILL FORWARD COPIES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND ITS TRANSLATION TO STATE/COMMERCE IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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